

# Improve Your Recycling IQ

See if you know what **CAN** and **CAN'T** be recycled.

## Recycling YES



Bagged plastic bags



Juice boxes



Milk cartons



Soy milk boxes



Paper or frozen food boxes



Plastic bottles (all colors)



Round dairy tubs



Pill bottles



Mail, magazines, mixed paper & catalogs



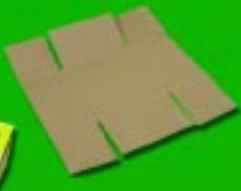
Newspapers



Paper bags



Phone books



Cardboard



Shredded paper (bagged)



Aluminum Cans



Metal cans



Metal hangers

Glass bottles & jars



## Recycling NO



Plastic food bags



Frozen food bags



Loose plastic bags



Zip-locking bags



Alkaline batteries



Plastic food trays



Lids, caps tops



CDs



Prescription vials



Plastic food boxes



Foam take-out containers



Plastic cups & utensils



Paper plates, cups & napkins (can go in yard waste cart)



Clothing, textiles shoes



Chip bags



Styrofoam packaging



Toxic product containers



Foil



Plant pots



Foil trays



Aerosol cans



Light bulbs



Glassware



Ceramics

# What Goes Where?



## Combined Recycling

### PLASTIC

- ♻ Clean bottles, jugs, jars (*shampoo, soft drink, laundry detergent*)
- ♻ Round dairy tubs (*cottage cheese, yogurt*)
- ♻ Clean, dry shopping bags, newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags (*Stuff into one bag and tie securely*)  
Loose plastic bags cause litter
- ♻ Pill bottles (*with neck & shoulders*)

### PAPER

- ♻ Flattened clean cardboard
- ♻ Newspaper, magazines, mail
- ♻ Phone books, catalogs
- ♻ Paper food boxes (*liner removed*)
- ♻ Milk cartons, juice boxes, frozen food boxes
- ♻ Shredded paper (*stuffed in a clear plastic bag*)

### METAL

- ♻ Empty aluminum, steel & tin cans
- ♻ Ferrous metal (*sticks to a magnet*)  
Limit 16" x 16" x 12"



## Glass Bin

- ♻ All clean glass bottles and jars  
(*No bags, cartons or six-pack rings*)



## Ask Evelyn the Envelope

Q. Why aren't recyclable paper, cardboard, bottles and cans allowed in Seattle's residential garbage?

A. Seattle spent \$23 million in 2004 to send more than 900 million pounds of garbage to a landfill. Why waste a good thing? Seattle residents can save up to \$2 million each year and divert 60% of their waste from the landfill by recycling paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Recycle. It's not garbage anymore!

Q. Why can't I recycle all plastic items that have recycling arrows?

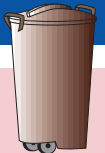
A. The number in the recycling arrows identifies the plastic resin content. However, the cost of collecting, sorting and remanufacturing exceeds the value of **some** recycled plastic, and so many plastic items cannot currently be recycled. To avoid confusion and contamination, ignore the numbers and remember: **ONLY plastic bottles, jugs, jars, dairy tubs and bagged shopping, newspaper and dry cleaning bags go in your recycling.**

Q. Where can I learn more about what can be recycled in Seattle?

A. Seattle has a variety of easy ways you can learn about recycling:

1. Read and post the recycling and garbage guidelines included on your yearly collection calendar.
2. Visit our website at [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util)
3. For information about recycling services, call (206) 684-3000.
4. To help with recycling in your apartment/condo, sign up for Friends of Recycling at (206) 684-8717.
5. Ask Evelyn the Envelope a question at [askevelyn@seattle.gov](mailto:askevelyn@seattle.gov)

## Garbage Can



### PLASTIC

- ❌ Frozen food, Styrofoam, other take-out containers
- ❌ Styrofoam peanuts (*take to mail house for reuse*)
- ❌ Cups, plates, utensils
- ❌ Produce, bread, or freezer bags, food wrap
- ❌ Bubble wrap, mailing envelopes
- ❌ Hazardous or toxic material containers (*motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides or lye*)
- ❌ Six-pack rings, caps, lids
- ❌ Prescription pill vials
- ❌ Plastic toys, hard plastic packaging
- ❌ Plant pots

### PAPER

- ❌ Waxed or coated cardboard (*produce boxes*)
- ❌ Food-soiled paper & food-soiled cardboard  
(*Accepted in yard waste cart*)

### METAL

- ❌ Aluminum foil, foil baking trays, scrap aluminum
- ❌ Cans with food residue
- ❌ Greasy or sharp metal
- ❌ Metal with other material attached
- ❌ Caps, lids

### GLASS

- ❌ Ceramics, tableware (*cups, plates, glasses, vases*)
- ❌ Window glass, reading glasses, mirrors, light bulbs

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